

Bee and PuppyCat

Bee and PuppyCat is an American animated web series created and written by Natasha Allegri, and directed by Larry Leichliter.^{[1][2]} The series revolves around Bee (voiced by Allyn Rachel), an unemployed girl in her early twenties, who encounters a mysterious creature named PuppyCat (voiced by the Vocaloid program Oliver). She adopts this apparent cat-dog hybrid, and together they go on a series of temporary jobs to pay off her monthly rent. The show is produced by Frederator Studios and is animated by Dong Woo Animation and OLM, Inc..^[3] The series later expanded to include a comic book series by the same name, published by KaBoom! Studios

Critical reception for the series has been positive, while some fans have criticized the art and tone changes between the pilot and the kickstarter backed full series.^{[4][5]} In December 2014, critic Robert Lloyd of *The L.A. Times* listed it as one of the best TV shows of the year.^[6] *The A.V. Club* favorably rated the episode "Food Farmer", which they felt did a good job expanding Bee's character.^[7]

It will be followed by a new series titled *Bee and PuppyCat: Lazy in Space* in 2019.^[8]

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Plot

Bee is a cheerful young woman in her early twenties who is habitually fired from menial, low-paying jobs. On her way home from a failed job opportunity, PuppyCat, a strange, mysterious creature, falls from the sky. She takes him in and, when he sees that she is broke and unemployed, PuppyCat teleports himself and Bee to an alternate dimension where they are given a job by TempBot, a gigantic, intelligent television screen. Despite the dangers that this line of temporary jobs would pose, Bee finds that she has a talent for the work and that it pays well enough for her to disregard the dangers. An ongoing plot element of the series is PuppyCat's past, which is shrouded in mystery. There are hints that he may be a space outlaw who was transformed by the Space King, who was angry over the pirate's romance with his daughter. However, due to his anger, the magic meant to capture him instead turned him into a monster and he escaped. Another ongoing plot element is Bee's romantic feelings for her friend Deckard, a talented chef who seems to harbor a crush on Bee but finds that this complicates his decision to pursue a cooking career

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Genre	Comedy, Fantasy, Drama, Surrealism
Created by	Natasha Allegri
Written by	Natasha Allegri
Directed by	Larry Leichliter
Voices of	Allyn Rachel
Country of origin	United States
Original language(s)	English
No. of seasons	1
No. of episodes	10, including pilot
Production company(s)	Frederator Studios
Release	
Original release	July 11, 2013 – November 28, 2016
External links	
Website	

Characters

- **Bee** Voiced by: Allyn Rachel: Bee is a 22-year old^[9] young woman who, while walking home in the rain after being fired, is hit on the head by PuppyCat, who mysteriously appears out of the sky and lands on her. After being transported to Fishbowl Space with PuppyCat, she gains clothing reassignment from TempBot, who changes every mission and gives her various equipment like a sword or pockets full of glitter. Bee is also seen to have a strong dislike of water, as in the episode "Beach" where she refuses to walk into the ocean, and in the following episode, "Cats", where she refuses to take a bath when she gets dirty.
- **PuppyCat** Voiced by: Oliver: The mysterious creature that is both a dog and a cat, and is the companion to the main character Bee. Not much is known about PuppyCat except that he can "talk" and be used as an energy cannon. (As demonstrated in the battle with Wallace.)
- **TempBot** Also referred to as AssignBot, is a robot that acts as a temporary employment agent for PuppyCat. This character is voiced by a different actor in each episode. In the pilot episode the character was voiced by Marina Sirtis, Hannah Hart for "Farmer", Roz Ryan for "Cats", Ellen McLain for "Game" and Joan Koplan for "Wedding".
- **Deckard** Voiced by: Kent Osborne: Bee's friend, neighbor and former coworker. Deckard works as a prep cook at the cat café from which Bee was fired. He harbors romantic feelings towards Bee. Deckard has heterochromia (differently-colored eyes)^[10] and is named after Deckard Cain, a character from the video game *Diablo*.
- **Cass** Voiced by: Ashly Burch: Deckard's sister and roommate. Though she formerly worked alongside Bee and her brother at the cat café, Cass now works as a freelance computer programmer. Like her brother, Cass is also named after a wizard; her full name is Castaspella.
- **Cardamon** Voiced by: Alexander Rodriguez: Cardamon is a young boy who is Bee's landlord. He is business-like and mature for his age, in stark contrast to his appearance as an elementary schoolboy. He takes care of his comatose mother, whom he regards as a "princess."
- **Toast** Voiced by: Terri Hawkes: Toast is the 11th ranked wrestler from Cass's former wrestling team and holds a grudge against Cass' departure, as it leaves her to be the lowest-ranking member on the team.



A screenshot from the pilot episode of *Bee and PuppyCat*. PuppyCat is falling from the sky and about to land on Bee.

Production

The series began as a two-part episode, which was uploaded to Frederator Studio's YouTube channel *Cartoon Hangover* as two 5-minute shorts as part of *Too Cool! Cartoons*, as well as a 10-minute video combining the two parts.^[11] Part one went online on July 11, 2013, while part two and the full film went online on August 6, 2013.

After gaining popularity online, *Cartoon Hangover* started its first *Kickstarter* project in order to fund additional episodes. The *Kickstarter* started on October 15, 2013, and achieved its US\$600,000 goal with 6 days left; by the end, it had raised \$872,133, funding ten 6-minute episodes, the first of which would air in the summer of 2014.^[12] As of its funding date, *Bee and PuppyCat* became the most successful animation *Kickstarter* in history, the #4 film/video *Kickstarter* (behind only three Hollywood-based projects), and the #1 *Kickstarter* based on a YouTube video.^[13]

In May 2014 *KaBoom! Studios* launched a *Bee and PuppyCat* comic book.^[14]

Bee and PuppyCat: The Series premiered November 6, 2014 with a second two-part episode.^[15]

Outside of a *Kickstarter*-exclusive early showing of episodes 5 and 6 in August via *VHX*, no new episodes were released in 2015.

Production for season 1 was wrapped up in March 2016.^[16] The remaining completed episodes of *Bee and PuppyCat* were planned to be released on *YouTube* in late Spring/early Summer 2016 but were released November 11, 2016 on *VRV* instead.^{[17][18]}

In March 2017, Frederator announced that new episodes of *Bee and PuppyCat* were being written.^[19] In June 2018, the trailer for the continuation was released under the title *Bee and PuppyCat: Lazy in Space* which will be aired sometime in 2019.^[20]

Media

Episodes

No.	Title	Directed by	Written by	Storyboarded by	Original air date
0	"Bee and PuppyCat"	Larry Leichliter	Natasha Allegri	Natasha Allegri	July 11, 2013
After getting fired from her job, Bee finds PuppyCat and takes him in. With no luck in finding a new job, PuppyCat transports her to TempBot, where they are assigned to babysit Wallace in Fishbowl Space. After PuppyCat sings him a lullaby about a cursed Space Outlaw Wallace transforms into a monster Bee and PuppyCat defeat him and return home, with the Space Outlaw shown in PuppyCat's reflection.					
1	"Food"	Larry Leichliter	Natasha Allegri, Madeleine Flores and Frank Gibson	Natasha Allegri	November 6, 2014
Bee invites Deckard to spend the day together and cook from a recipe. PuppyCat is infuriated at being called cute and sabotages their cooking, only to be interrupted by Cass. When Deckard admits that they are missing an ingredient, Bee and PuppyCat turn to TempBot to assign them a new job to afford them enough money to buy it.					
2	"Farmer"	Larry Leichliter	Natasha Allegri, Madeleine Flores and Frank Gibson	Natasha Allegri	November 6, 2014
Bee and PuppyCat are assigned to retrieve a cherry for a farmer on Jelly Cube Planet for his animals. They discover that the cherry is created from souls from people fed to it. In horror Bee spits her gum into the cherry and gives the rest to the farmer, leaving him and his animals to devour each other Bee brings the missing ingredient home without being paid for the job, discovering in the process that Deckard has been accepted into culinary school.					
3	"Beach"	Larry Leichliter	Natasha Allegri, Madeleine Flores and Frank Gibson	Natasha Allegri	December 4, 2014
Bee and PuppyCat are forced out of their apartment while their landlord, Cardamon, fixes their toilet. At the beach, the two try to find a television to watch <i>Pretty Patrick</i> and decide on going to TempBot to use her as a television screen.					
4	"Cats"	Larry Leichliter	Natasha Allegri, Madeleine Flores and Frank Gibson	Luke Weber and Natasha Allegri	December 18, 2014
TempBot sends Bee and PuppyCat to Cat-Had Planet, an onsen filled with cats. While PuppyCat is shunned, Bee is favored by the cats and is doted upon. However when the cats try to bathe Bee, PuppyCat rescues her by disgusting them with his appearance. They return home to find that Cardamon has taped and unknowingly spoiled the episode for them.					
5	"Birthday"	Larry Leichliter	Natasha Allegri, Madeleine Flores and Frank Gibson	Lamar Abrams and Natasha Allegri	August 27, 2015 (Kickstarter backers) November 11, 2016 (general release)
Bee celebrates her birthday with her "Dad Box", a creation by her father to help her feel less lonely. PuppyCat offers to spend time with her and she takes him to an abandoned arcade with games constructed by her father. After playing games, PuppyCat offers her to take a job from TempBot.					
6	"Game"	Larry Leichliter	Natasha Allegri, Madeleine Flores and Frank Gibson	Lamar Abrams and Natasha Allegri	August 27, 2015 (Kickstarter backers) November 11, 2016 (general release)
TempBot sends Bee and PuppyCat to CloudWorld, where they are tasked with destroying an evil eye looming over the kingdom. Reluctant, Bee accepts side quests instead. After a while, PuppyCat uses an old save file to allow them enough experience and weaponry to defeat the evil eye. They return home and spend the rest of Bee's birthday together.					
7	"Toast"	Larry Leichliter	Natasha Allegri, Madeleine Flores and Frank Gibson	Lamar Abrams and Natasha Allegri	November 28, 2016
Deckard remains conflicted about attending culinary school, while Cass is challenged by Toast, a member from her former wrestling team.					

8	"Dogs"	Larry Leichliter	Natasha Allegri, Madeleine Flores and Frank Gibson	Lamar Abrams and Natasha Allegri	November 28, 2016
A sick Cardamon takes care of his comatose mother and recalls a fairytale from her about jellyfish. Once Bee and Deckard deliver their rent money Cardamon asks for PuppyCat to spend time with him to stage a wedding with his dog, Sticky.					
9	"Wedding"	Larry Leichliter	Natasha Allegri, Madeleine Flores, Frank Gibson, <u>Vera Brosgol</u> , and Efrain Farias	Vera Brosgol, Natasha Allegri, and Efrain Farias	November 28, 2016
Bee finds Deckard's school acceptance letter and feels guilty over him not enrolling. Meanwhile, PuppyCat is forced to play along with Cardamon's wedding, which Cardamon hopes will help wake his mother. While trying to escape, he becomes stuck in a window. Bee tries to free him by activating TempBot's letter, but she is transported along with Deckard instead. Note: "Wedding" was Joan Koplan's final acting role as she died on March 31, 2016 which was seven months before the episode was released on VRV.					
10	"Donut"	Larry Leichliter	Natasha Allegri, Madeleine Flores, Frank Gibson, <u>Vera Brosgol</u> , and Efrain Farias	Vera Brosgol, Natasha Allegri, and Efrain Farias	November 28, 2016
TempBot assigns Bee and Deckard to help doughboy bake donuts embedded with wish-granting baking crystals and deliver them through the Black Hole while the owner is away. The Black Hole drags the doughboy in, revealing Bee's robotic nature in the process. Bee manages to rescue the bakery and Deckard, overcoming the Black Hole. Afterwards, Deckard leaves for culinary school. Cardamon feeds a wish-granting donut left by Bee to his mother but fails to awaken her. PuppyCat returns home to find Bee repairing her arm with her Dad Box. The two take their time to get to know each other better.					

Comics

Boom! Studios published a tie-in comic book through its kaboom imprint. The comic was canceled in 2016 despite issues #12–16 having already been solicited.^[21]

Issue	Release Date	Story	Art	Collection	ISBN
#1	May 14, 2014	Natasha Allegri Garrett Jackson	Natasha Allegri	<i>Bee and Puppeycat – Volume One</i>	<u>9781608864874</u>
#2	June 11, 2014	Natasha Allegri Frank Gibson Garrett Jackson	Becky Dreistadt		
#3	August 27, 2014	Natasha Allegri Anissa Espinoza Madeline Flores Tait Howard Ian McGinty	Anissa Espinoza Madeline Flores Tait Howard Ian McGinty Fred C. Stresing		
#4	September 24, 2014	Natasha Allegri Coleman Engle Anissa Espinoza Aimee Fleck Pranas Naujokaitis Mad Rupert Theresa Zysk	Coleman Engle Anissa Espinoza Aimee Fleck Pranas Naujokaitis Mad Rupert Theresa Zysk		
#5	October 22, 2014	Chrystin Garland Meredith McClaren Flynn Nicholls Theresa Zysk		<i>Bee and Puppeycat – Volume Two</i>	<u>9781608867769</u>
#6	November 26, 2014	Natasha Allegri Joy Ang Andrew Lorenzi Meredith McClaren Carey Pietsch	Joy Ang Andrew Lorenzi Meredith McClaren Carey Pietsch		
#7	December 24, 2014	Natasha Allegri Megan Brennan Andrew Lorenzi Zachary Sterling	Megan Brennan Andrew Lorenzi Zachary Sterling		
#8	April 8, 2015	David Calderon Coleman Engle Liz Fleming Reimena Yee Theresa Zysk	Natasha Allegri David Calderon Coleman Engle Liz Fleming Reimena Yee Theresa Zysk		
#9	August 26, 2015	Natasha Allegri Patrick Seery	Ji in Kim	<i>Bee and Puppeycat – Volume Three</i>	<u>9781608869114</u>
#10	February 17, 2016	Natasha Allegri Patrick Seery Ko Takeuchi	Ji in Kim Ko Takeuchi		
#11	April 20, 2016	Natasha Allegri Patrick Seery	Ji in Kim		

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